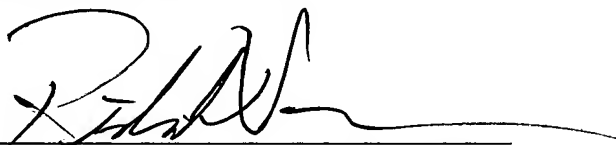


REMARKS

The present Amendment modifies the claim format so as to eliminate the use of multiple dependencies.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic or personal interview would resolve any matters, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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